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Jesus and Modernism

By Rev. A. L. Carlton, President of "The Defenders"

The position of Jesus in present day teaching of the Modernists is specifically set forth by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick in his book "The Modern Use of the Bible," and as Dr. Fosdick is recognized as one of the leaders of Modernism, his statements of belief, when stripped of their camouflage of beautiful phrases, present to our view the terrible extent to which this destructive teaching has gone. In order to avoid difficulties which would be sure to arise later on, the Modernists begin by setting aside the veracity and authority of the Bible. Quoting from Fosdick in his expressed belief in regard to miracles, he says that he believes the Gospel records, especially in their miracle statements and personal exaggerations, may be explained by the operation of a principle he defines as heightening and addition. His proposition is that the nearer we get to first-hand and documentary sources, the fewer miracles there are; the farther we get away from these sources and get into tradition and report, the more the miracles multiply and become more elaborate and startling.

He applies this principle by calling our attention to certain specified statements in the Gospels: in Mark, which is assumed to be the earliest of the Gospels, there are no "birth" stories, that is to say, nothing whatever about the Virgin Birth; you get this only in Matthew and Luke in full detail, which are assumed to be written at a much later date than Mark's Gospel. In Mark, Jesus alone walks on the water; in Matthew, Peter tries it, too. In Mark, the fig tree, denounced in the evening, is withered the next morning; in the later record, the fig tree is cursed in the morning and immediately withers. Mark records no other marvels at the crucifixion than the rending of the temple veil; Matthew ADDS the resurrection of many bodies of the saints that have fallen asleep.

Fosdick says when we compare Mark and Luke we get the same impressions of heightened effect and added detail. In Luke, but not in Mark, are the stories of the "birth" and the angelic apparition to the shepherds. In Mark, where one of them that stood by, drew a sword and smote the servant of the high priest and struck off his ear, no miracle is recorded; in Luke, however, the ear is restored. Fosdick continues by saying that Luke is especially rich in dramatic additions to the narrative.

In other words, the Modernist would have us to understand that the Bible is an unreliable account of events which transpired in the early history of the Christian Movement. Going back a little farther, we find that the Modernist is very critical in his

attitude toward the God of the Old Testament, assuming that because the record shows events where God permitted bloodshed and the destruction of enemies of the Israelitish faith, the whole Book is to be questioned as to the truth of its statements; and we are assured that in any case of conflict between the modern mind and the Word of God, between the theories and guesses of the modern scientist and the Word of God, the modern mind and the scientist are to be respected and believed and the Bible thrown aside. We can readily see that this clears the way for their future statement of belief and makes it possible to openly deny the plain statements of the Bible because they have already shown that the reporters of the events recorded in the Bible are unreliable, untruthful men who, in order to heighten the effect, added to the actual event that occurred, material that might have the desired effect or, in plain Anglo Saxon, just lied about these events.

If the belief of the Modernist concerning the Bible is true, then we have absolutely no foundation for our Christian faith and, in the words of Paul, "We are of all men most miserable."

The expressed belief of the Modernist concerning the Virgin Birth is that in order to defend the character of Mary, this story of her conception by the Holy Ghost was invented, but that the facts plainly stated are, that Jesus was an illegitimate child whose father was either a renegade Roman soldier or possibly Joseph; and then in defense of the position, they go on to say that the matter of birth does not detract, if the after life is successful; and proceed to show that Jesus was a good man—in fact a very remarkable man, but a man, only. Fosdick says that "Christ is the final expression of that divinity which is common to us all;" and since to all of us, was in Judas who betrayed Him, in the thief who rallied upon Him, and in every thug, bum and murderer known from that time to this.

We wish to express ourselves as being very emphatically opposed to the statement that it does not matter about the parentage of Christ. If He were not the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, then He has no more power nor authority over sin and death than any other good man. Contrast this position with the actual experience of mankind since the time of the coming of Christ, to the present hour and we discover that no other leader or any religion or cult has ever been able to transform human life as has the Christ.

Naturally the Modernist must deny the vicarious sacrifice of Christ in

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The "Flying Defenders"

Many will recall in the days of the fight against King Alcohol, an organization of more than a score of crusaders, known as the "Flying Squadron" swept the United States. These men had as much to do with conquering the old saloon as any other one organization. Jas. H. Woertendyke was a member of that famous "Squadron."



Jas. H. Woertendyke

Mr. Woertendyke is a nationally known character. Few men have addressed more people from the pulpit and platform. He has always been a reformer, a fighter against evil, a crusader for human betterment and a defender of the Faith.

The Executive Committee of "The Defenders" has felt for some time that a vigorous publicity and educational campaign should be conducted in different sections of the state, in an effort to acquaint people with the tremendous scope covered by Evolution and its accompanying dangers. Comparatively few have awakened to a sense of the impending danger for they have not been acquainted with the facts.

On June 8th, at a Committee meeting, it was decided that a group of men to be called the "Flying Defenders" should be placed in the field for a limited period of time this summer. Mr. Woertendyke will be one of the speakers.

Both Mr. Woertendyke and Gerald B. Winrod, founder and executive Secretary of "The Defenders" will be featured as headliners. Prof. C. T. Doggett of Delavan, Kansas will make the bookings, act as business manager and have charge of advertising the "Flying Defenders" as they travel from city to city. Pastors wishing to secure these speakers should write to prof. Doggett. He

is making the bookings at this time. Twenty days, beginning July 11th, will be given to this work.

President Carlton, Lester H. Davis, Rev. Morton Miller, Howard Snyder, the famous Kansas whistler, and others will be members of the "Flying Defenders" to help where their services are required.



Gerald B. Winrod

Mr. Winrod travels constantly, lecturing on scientific, religious and deeply spiritual subjects. He is a great spiritual teacher. He is a rapid, intense, magnetic, dramatic speaker. Audiences numbering about 200,000 persons have heard him in Kansas alone in recent months.

Damned Souls

By Gerald B. Winrod

The April "Defender" contained an article describing an organization recently formed in New York known as the "American Association for the Advancement of Atheism." ("A. A. A."). The avowed purpose of this organization is to destroy Christianity. It styles itself as a "wrecking agency" to wreck the present religious systems, leaving to others the building of a better civilization.

As a "wrecking agency" it has the right method, for its plan is to deal deadly blows at the Bible, destroy Christian Faith everywhere, promote Evolution and introduce religious chaos. It is shocking to learn that such an organization was granted a charter in New York by one of the judges of the Supreme Court.

A gentleman from New York state told me that an infidel died recently and left them \$100,000.00 with which to promote the organization's interests.

The following report made public in May by the Board of Directors of the "A. A. A." reveal that this organization cannot be "laughed at" or killed with indifference. It must be opposed. It must be challenged, especially in educational centers where it is rapidly gaining ground.

Few people in Kansas realize the extent to which atheism has pro-

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Items of Interest to Defenders

Four Defenders motored from Kansas to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to attend the World's Christian Fundamental Convention early in May. Members of the party were Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Starbuck, of Goodland, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald B. Winrod, of Wichita.

(The following letter was received from Mrs. William Jennings Bryan upon receipt of a copy of the resolutions adopted at the Convention of "The Defenders" in Salina, Kansas, in which the loss of her noble husband was mourned.)

Dear Mr. Winrod:

I am grateful for your letter and the copy of resolution passed by "The Defenders."

If anyone ever had cause to be strengthened and supported, it is I, for so many friends have been bearing me upon the wings of love and prayer.

I am, of course, glad to learn of any organization which is continuing the work in which Mr. Bryan was engaged, and wish you abundant success.

Sincerely yours,
Mary B. Bryan.

A Baptist Preacher writes: "The April issue of 'The Defender' is splendid; it put some of my people thinking as never before. Thanks for the help it gave me, and keep the good work up."

While going through the famous old "House of Seven Gables" the other day, which still stands in Salem, Mass., my attention was called to the following inscription appearing on one of the fire-places, "An ape can never become a man." Nathaniel Hawthorne's desk is near the fire-place where he sat much of the time while writing his famous tale, "The House of Seven Gables." According to this inscription he would not have made much of an evolutionist.—Gerald B. Winrod.

President Carlton calls the Executive Committee together to go over details pertaining to program and development of "The Defenders" when there is sufficient accumulation of matters demanding attention. In seven months, the Executive Committee has met three times. These meetings are usually held in Lindsborg because it is centrally located.

United States Senator, Arthur Capper, writes to Mr. Winrod as follows: "I shall keep up the fight against the liquor business as long as I am in Washington. The wets are making a big noise over it and undoubtedly there is strong support in the Eastern states for modification of the Volstead Act, but in my opinion it will be a long time before Congress takes a backward step on this question."

Several prominent religious magazines like the Moody Bible Institute Monthly and The Bible Champion have printed excellent announcements concerning the activities of "The Defenders."

"Man once walked on four feet. He not only has evolved, but still is evolving." This statement came from Dr. K. H. Aynesworth, of Waco, Texas, a few days ago, in an address before 100 noted surgeons attending the annual

convention of the State Medical Society in Houston. This utterance was sent all over the United States through press reports.

On the evening of Sunday, May 16th, I was in Billy Sunday's meeting in Staunton, Virginia. The noted evangelist was at his best. His sermon was eloquent, positive and dramatic. When he was through speaking, hundreds came forward to take his hand, accepting Christ as their Saviour or rededicating their lives to Him. The tabernacle was erected to accommodate 6,000 persons. About 7,000 were packed into the building, with perhaps an equal number turned away for want of standing room. Few men have as many friends and enemies as Mr. Sunday. His enemies say he has lost his old-time power and that he fails to attract the crowds. Nothing could be farther from the truth. He preaches a sound, uncompromising Gospel and people like to hear it. He is a real defender of the Faith and takes a positive stand against the anti-Christian doctrines prevalent in current Christianity and education. . . . The results of his campaign which continued six weeks were as follows: 1,224 persons made their first profession of faith in Jesus Christ; 4,464 reconsecrated their lives to His service; 81 services were held in the Tabernacle; 320,000 persons attended the meetings; the campaign cost \$13,500.00 budget expense; personal gift to Mr. Sunday, \$11,624.00; grand total cost of meetings, \$25,124.00; average cost per person, 08c.—Gerald B. Winrod.

"Defenders Gird for Fight on Modernism" is the heading of an article which appeared in the Topeka Daily Capital, about the time the April magazine went into the mails. The article continues:

"The Defenders, a state-wide organization formed recently to combat 'evolution in the schools and modernism in the pulpits,' is swinging into action, according to Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, lecturer, who is executive secretary of the organization. A magazine, The Defender, has just been printed and 10,000 of the first copies are now being mailed over Kansas. Every Kansas pastor will receive a copy.

"The Defenders will expose modernism on every hand," declares Carlton. "We will oppose this wicked doctrine of evolution in tax-supported schools. We will meet the rationalists at every point, whether in pulpit or elsewhere and seek to check their work."

"The Messiah Messenger" is the name of a wonderful little magazine edited by Rev. T. L. Rydbeck, of Lindsborg, Kansas. Rev. Rydbeck is a member of the Executive Committee of the "Defenders." His paper is a live-wire; touch it any place and you will get a shock. He will mail, free of charge, sample copies to persons requesting same.

It was my pleasure to spend Sunday in Boston recently. Our friend and brother, Dr. A. Z. Conrad did us the honor to invite the writer to preach in his historic Church, Park Street Congregational Church. But because a special Mother's Day program had been arranged, we felt it best not to interfere with the continuity of the

service. Dr. Conrad is a grand old soldier of the Cross. He has a large group of consecrated men and women who give him whole-herated cooperation. For 100 years, his Church has had sound Gospel preachers occupying its pulpit. Dr. Conrad has been its pastor twenty-one years. His recent book, "Jesus Christ at the Cross-roads" is one of the strongest statements against Modernism in print today. The morning I worshipped with him, the great auditorium of the Church was packed.—Gerald B. Winrod.

On Sunday evening, while in Boston, I attended the famous Tremont Temple Baptist Church, of which Dr. J. C. Masee is pastor. His is a great work. The rules governing down-town churches have all been broken by Tremont Temple. It is supposed to be impossible to get the crowds to attend the centrally located churches of the large cities. Not so at Dr. Masee's Church. 2,500 persons were packed into the building before time for him to begin preaching. He was good enough to have the writer in the pulpit, and when introducing me to his great audience, he had some very fine things to say about "The Defenders." Dr. Masee's books are gems. He is a strong man of the Gospel.—Gerald B. Winrod.

"I am very glad to note the earnestness of you men in Kansas in trying to save the people from the ravages of Modernism and Evolution. May the organization that has been launched prosper." Leander S. Keyser.

The Mississippi Senate has adopted the bill which was carried in the House, forbidding any educational institution, from the university to the public school, supported in whole or in part from public funds, "to teach that mankind ascended from a lower order of animals," and it forbids also the adoption and use of any textbook which teaches the doctrine. The fine is not to exceed \$500, and the added penalty is the vacating of the teacher's position.

"The Virgin Birth a Non-Essential?" was the subject of a courageous editorial which appeared in the Central Christian Advocate recently. The editor took issue with Bishop Blake of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who gave out a heretical statement, wherein he regarded the matter of the birth of Jesus as being of "minor importance" and referring to Paul, said: "The apostle's silence deprives the doctrine of that fundamental character that some have attached to it as an essential of Christian creed." The editor deals crushing blows to the Bishop's structure of Modernistic thought, and says: "The way of the birth proclaims the deity of the world's Saviour. In Christ we behold God."

The College Chapel has been regarded as an indispensable institution since colleges began. Until late, the Chapel has been respected, a venerable institution, voluntary in some colleges, compulsory in most—but now it is the focal point for rebellion, says the New York Times. Yale, Williams, Amherst, University of Pennsylvania, Brown, Vassar and Oberlin are a few of the outstanding trouble centers. Verbal

warfare, editorials, referendums and petitions tell of determination on the part of students to eliminate this "sob stuff." At Dartmouth, College of the City of New York, and others, the persistent student agitation has actually succeeded, and compulsory Chapel service has been officially abolished. Students use sarcasm and call Chapel "kindergartens, Sunday Schools," etc. The Baltimore Sun says that a student at Williams writes: "You can beat a man to his knees, but you can't make him pray. Every morning the college regulation beats 700 men to their knees and then the college authorities and a few alumni wonder why these men don't pray but read the Springfield Republican instead." Defenders are not shocked at students fighting prayer and devotions knowing that through an anti-Christian system of thought based upon Evolution, students are taught disrespect for everything of supernatural character.

In our country there are said to be 27,000,000 American children and youth under 25 years of age who receive no religious instruction whatever. In twelve states the use of the Bible in the public schools is forbidden. In many states the teaching of Islam or Buddhism is part of the history course. On the contrary it is illegal to teach Christianity. Can you beat that in our "Christian" country—heathen religions may be taught, but Christianity is ruled out by law! —Pointed Paragraphs.

On the first day of June, 1926, "The Defenders" had members in 59 different towns and cities in Kansas. 37 counties are represented in the membership. In addition to this, 8 other states are represented. The membership list is growing. There are hundreds more that should unite at once. Our membership list is not published. Entrance fee, \$1.00, plus dues for first year, \$1.00, total \$2.00. Send remittance to Recording Secretary, M. E. Moosdorf, Herington, Kansas. This fight is by no means confined to Kansas. Persons from other states are welcome to affiliate. Members receive regular circular letters from the Executive Committee. "Every Defender a worker" is a good thought to keep in mind.

An outstanding leader in the Mennonite Church of Kansas writes to Secretary M. E. Moosdorf as follows: "I heartily endorse the aims of the society, and shall be ready to give support to it in any way possible. . . . Conservative as Mennonites are, nevertheless they are not spared the insidious encroachment of this sinister enemy, which in base hypocrisy does not hesitate under the mask of piety to rob the Godly of their Christ." This gentleman says that two Mennonite magazines are carrying announcements of "The Defenders."

A College President in Kansas writes Mr. Winrod as follows: "I have had it in mind some time to write you assuring you of my support in your efforts to overthrow the nefarious teaching of evolution in Kansas. I received a copy of THE DEFENDER and wish to give it my support. I am enclosing \$2.00 for membership fee." This College President also invites Mr. Winrod to address his student body, in the same letter.

The Textbook Problem

By Gerald B. Winrod

Because Evolution Is In The Textbooks Teachers Are Compelled To Teach It

Scholars have followed a well beaten path in their thinking so long that few are willing to admit that the sciences can even be taught without taking Evolution as the basis. In spite of the fact that the Theory cannot explain a single one of the great mysteries of life, such as the origin of life, the origin of conscious life, the origin of specific forms of life, the orderly arrangement of the universe, the origin of force or the origin of matter it has been written into practically all text-books as the foundation of science.

It is sad to admit that many teachers do little independent thinking. They assume that because a thing is stated in a text-book, it is true. To contradict the text-book would be unorthodox.

As a matter of fact, Evolution deals only with outer effects. It is a materialistic philosophy. Matter is but the objectified effect of spirit. All causes originate in the unseen, in the spiritual world. What is seen in the physical are but materialized effects. Of course Evolution is helpless when it comes to deal with the controlling, root causes that govern the universe. Take gravity for instance; material science discovered the law of gravitation; it didn't discover gravity. No scientist can tell you what gravity is. Life. Biology tells us all about life. Its processes are fairly well classified; but biology cannot tell you what life is, because it is not a material substance; life is spirit.

Every proved fact in science can be traced into a mystery that science cannot prove. The world of reality is the spiritual world. With the increase of knowledge concerning the working of spiritual laws and forces, the day will come when the doctrine of Evolution will go on the shelf with the heirlooms, as a "relic of the past."

But at present, it is in the text-books, being dished out to students throughout the country. It will cease to be taught when it is removed and replaced by the great spiritual science of the future. Every effort should be put forth to purge the books our boys and girls are compelled to study. Comparatively few people realize how serious the situation really is.

1,200 persons were shocked in a city in Kansas recently when in a lecture against Evolution on, "The Mark

of the Beast," I read the following statement from a text-book that is being used in the local High School of that community:

"No one knows how far back the history of the human race extends.

"The chain of life is continuous, probably through millions of years. There have been no breaks; one generation has led to another, and step by step man has come to be what he is. If we remember this unbroken continuity of the life stream, we may then find it an advantage to think of the different "layers" of existence underlying our present lives.

"The pre-human stage. First, there is the animal layer on which human life rests. We are all animals and can never cease to be, though we may cover over the animal tendencies with human traits. We rise far above even the highest animals, it is true, and yet we share much with them. They have senses like our senses, desires such as our desires—hunger, thirst, sleep, sex. They feel fear, rage, jealousy, gladness as we do. Like us, they bite, snarl, howl, fight, play. Animals learn, even the humblest of them. The higher ones of them experience curiosity, possess memory and the ability to think, or understand, in terms of simpler meanings and relationships. In short, not only in body, but in mind, we bear the stamp of this lower layer of life from which we came.

"The stage of savagery. Next is the layer of savagery, dating back to the time when man first rose above the strictly animal layer and became man. This takes us back to the era when our human ancestors, devoid of what we know as civilization, lived naked, without articulate speech, without houses, without tools, roaming the forests or inhabiting caves in the mountainsides, living on raw meats, herbs, and roots. How long this period lasted we can only guess, but it was probably not less than 500,000 years and possibly several million years."

The text-book from which I have quoted is, "The Mind and Its Education," by Betts. Notice the way in which the author presents these statements. To read this, one would think that the Theory had been proved beyond a shadow of a doubt. On the other hand, there is not a proved fact in the universe to sustain such teaching. Should tax-payers permit the boys and girls of the great State of Kansas to be misinformed in this manner?

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gressed in the schools of the state. Atheism is the product of Evolution, and it is no secret that Evolution is being taught throughout the state in denominational schools as well as those supported by public funds.

The most vicious anti-Christian blasphemy conceivable will be found in the report of the "A.A.A.A." given below, and what is more disagreeable to contemplate, is that the organization has a footing in the University of Kansas.

The report given out by the Board of Directors is as follows:

The Report

"At the close of the first half year of its existence, the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism reports briefly of its achievements and plans. The officers thank the loyal supporters who have made possible the Association's wonderful success. The representatives and organizers who are securing members and spreading propaganda and the contributors who furnish the wherewithal to pay the printing, postage, and clerical bills deserve chief credit for the phenomenal growth of the A. A. A. A.

"In the short space of six months we have established ourselves as a powerful, national, anti-clerical society. The people know of our existence and activities; and though we have received much publicity in the press, we have reason to believe that we shall receive and deserve even more. The secret of our success is action. Our immediate practical program exceeds our past achievements, while our plans for the future are so vast that they will surely be smiled at or more likely sneered at by the scoffers who last fall ridiculed us as fools for organizing a militant Atheist society. But the criticism of the faint-hearted, the compromisers, and the narrow-visioned have been and will be ignored.

"We have secured members in every state of the Union except Tennessee, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Montana; established branches in the larger cities; organized a number of Atheist groups in colleges; distributed large quantities of anti-religious literature; arranged for an extended series of debates; and last but very important, filed two suits—one to separate ecclesiastics from the public payroll and the other to protect the Atheist from slander by religionists.

"Our membership is already larger than that of any other active, anti-clerical organization; and unless our friendly rivals get a rustle on will soon exceed their combined memberships. Our rate of increase is increasing. But even so the number of new members received is small compared with that which we expect to receive.

"Membership is open to Atheists—all who deny, doubt, or disbelieve in the existence of god. Unless you believe that there is a god, you are an Atheist and are eligible for membership.

"Our 'purely destructive,' 'wrecking company' feature, of which the clergy and the press make so much, will not keep out any clear-thinking person. Here in New York City, as is shown by the classified telephone book, there are about a score of wrecking companies, the sole object of which is to tear down. These companies are not prosecuted or denounced. They are doing a good and necessary work. There is current sufficient false philosophy, particularly of the kind embodied in the Christian religion, to justify specialization in destruction.

Damned Souls

"The now famous 'Damned Souls' Society at Rochester (N. Y.) University, a Baptist school, was organized and is directed by one of our members, Mr. Salvatore Russo. Similar

societies have been formed or are in process of formation at the following colleges and universities: Yale University, University of Kansas, City College (Detroit), Lawrence, De Pauw, Ursinus, New York University, Clark University, George Washington University, and others where publicity is not desired at present.

"It is our intention to establish and secure charters for subsidiary but national societies to be known as 'The Fraternity of Damned Souls' and 'The Sorority of Damned Souls.' (The title 'Damned Souls,' of course, is taken from the New Testament curse by J. Christ, 'He that believeth not shall be damned.') Our higher institutions of learning, as the Fundamentalists are well aware, are saturated with Atheism. And we are reliably informed that certain divinity schools, especially one in New York and another in Chicago, are so Atheistic that branches among the students are by no means impossible.

Take God From Coins

"Suits to be filed shortly include one to remove the superstitious inscription defacing our coins. 'In God we trust' is as much out of place and illegally on our money as would be 'There is no God.' Active Atheists are continually taunted by Christians for accepting money bearing this religious motto, which proves, say the religionists, that the United States is a Christian country. If the courts should hold against us, we shall petition the government to cease discriminating against Atheists. 'In God we trust,' applied to all the people, is a shameful lie; and if retained, coins should also be minted with inscriptions 'There is no God.'

Fight Preachers

"Efforts will be made to counteract the work of evangelists, particularly those of note. Having secured their itineraries, we shall endeavor to disinfect towns and cities before and after their arrival. Billy Sunday will receive attention. Special literature exposing his shady career, harmful methods, and gutter language will be distributed. We have already arranged with an Atheist in Yakima, Ore., who has offered to bear the expense, to agitate against a Sunday revival to be held there next fall. Members and friends are requested to cooperate in this important work.

"There is a shortage of ministers, which we propose to increase. We want the name and address of every person in the United States who is preparing for or contemplating entering the ministry, so that we may influence him to choose another profession. We shall highly appreciate receiving the roll of students in theological seminaries and divinity schools, especially those controlled by Catholics and Fundamentalists. According to Catholic authorities, there are now 12,592 young men preparing for the priesthood. Would that we had their names and addresses! Help us get them. The Presbyterians alone report more than 2,000 vacant pulpits and are now appealing to each church to obtain the pledge of one young man to become a clergyman. Our best strategy lies in preventing intelligent young men from being ordained.

"We want branches in every city and large town in the United States and a representative in every community. If there is no branch in your city, will you not attempt to organize one? Even if no public meetings are held immediately, it will be greatly to our advantage to be represented by a group ready to act and assist in spreading propaganda, reporting to and receiving reports from the national office. Help us to agitate in some way against the religious forces in your community—if only to make a public protest occasionally."

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Evolution in the Schools

By Rev. W. A. Ayres, Baptist Minister, Wichita, Kansas

(Defender's Note: "The Bible and Science" is the title of a most helpful and instructive little book of beautiful binding, written by Rev. Ayres. This book should be in the hands of every truth-seeker. The price is 40c and may be ordered from the author, 212 South Exposition Ave., Wichita, Kan.)

Considerable has been said and written the past few years in opposition to teaching Evolution in tax-supported schools. Why should it not be taught there? Is it not a branch of science, and do we not teach science in the schools? It all depends upon what you mean by Evolution. Nearly all true science is proper matter for study and instruction in schools. There might be some question about the propriety of teaching some phases of even true science to immature minds.

By Evolution in my subject, I mean the Darwinian kind, which teaches that man came from the lower animals. But this is not science at all—just a mistake of science, that has done and is doing more harm than any other one thing that could be named in the past 1,000 years. I am not exaggerating. It has weakened the faith of thousands, wrecked the spiritual life of many, and been an underlying cause of war and its attendant evils demoralizing the world to a great extent. Only those who have given careful and thoughtful attention to the matter may see this. Some are seeing it and it is time that all were getting their eyes open.

Seventy-five years ago Charles Darwin sprang a new and wild theory on the world, that all life came from one, or a very few, primordial germs. This view became very popular, was accepted as science, and swept the world. A vast number of books were written in line with his theory. Even text-books for colleges and schools were filled with the pseudo-scientific stuff. Many students went far beyond their teacher. They were extravagant in their book writing and made all sorts of foolish claims. After the smoke had cleared away, confidence began to wane, great scientists became dissatisfied with the weaknesses of the theory and freely admitted it to be only an hypothesis, impossible of proof. The magnet lost its power among capable scientists. Thousands fell away from it as rapidly as they had been attracted before. But the great mischief was done. The books written were full of false science and were in the schools, and they are there yet, and a lot more, worse, ranker and of more recent date. Proof of this may be seen elsewhere in this number of The Defender. Such books are generally a rehash of the old Darwinian views.

Huxley, Wallace and other noted

scientists, who at first held Darwin's views, later for lack of evidence, revised, rejected or denied them. Even Darwin himself in his later life changed his views, practically denying his earlier teaching. Yet many who have since studied these false scientific text-books have come to believe them, and are teaching them to a new generation, and have written books for use in Grade and High Schools, full of this false teaching. At first these books and this teaching were confined to the Colleges but today it is being taught to the children of fourth and fifth grades, eight to twelve years of age.

Fifty years ago such a thing was unknown. It has filtered down from College to High School and Grade teaching. It is time that parents should come out of their lethargy and inform themselves of what is going on in the schools which they pay to support. It is proper to teach all true progress in science, but this is not true; it is progress backward and downward.

Darwinian Evolution is atheistic in its content and tendency. Man is everything; God is nothing; His place and power is not recognized. As faith in Evolution grows, belief in the Bible and religion dies. Even Darwin, who was an orthodox believer at first, became an agnostic, and many have gone into atheism. It is a matter of statistics that twenty per cent of our youth lose their faith in the religion of their fathers and mothers the first year in College, and by the end of the course, fully one-half have forsaken the "Faith of the fathers." This is not the fault of education, which is alright, but of this false teaching, which is all wrong. Many teachers rejoice in this faith-killing, faith-wrecking work. Parents come to you sense!

Do you know what the "A. A. A." is? It is a chartered organization in the United States, started in New York, the first of its kind ever started in the world in this way. Its name is, "The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism." They have a large fund of money with which to propagate their teaching. It will be circulated in printed form and broadcasted by radio. Effort will be made to spread the teaching in every College in the United States, organizing if possible a club of students in every College, with such teachers to lead as are favorable. Your boy and girl may have to face this.

One eastern University has a club which in a mocking way, calls itself, "The Club of Damned Souls." Awful! you say. Of course; but this is the out-working of Evolution in the schools. Yale University has a "Free Thinker's Society." Out of 2,700 students at Harvard nearly 2,000 voted in one way

or another against Prohibition. Only 786 voted directly for it. Chicago for the past two or three decades has actually had "schools of atheism" in operation. They are reaping some of the fruit, no doubt, in the present crime-wave.

A prominent minister, pastor of one of the largest churches in the United States said recently: "The most damnable thing about the Modernist movement, is the way they have got the students in their power."

The Modernist movement has its roots in Evolution. Just the past year a great convention of College

young people, avowedly in the name of religion, was held in a large city in the Middle West. But it was a revolt against true religion, the church, and the Christian Faith. I have yet to hear of any prominent speaker or writer giving any fair approval of that convention.

All this is the outgrowth of false teaching in the form of Evolution in the schools, beginning in the middle grades and growing stronger and stronger on up through the rest of the grades, the High School and College. A change must come, and it is time for parents to do some serious thinking.

Worse and More of It

By Gerald B. Winrod

Boys and Girls Taught That "Beast Doctrine" and Bible Correspond

OCCURRED IN WICHITA

In the April "Defender" I published an article under the heading, "It Doesn't Seem Possible" which shocked a great many people. The article disclosed the fact that "a teacher in a Public School of a certain city in Kansas gave the boys and girls in the Fifth grade 'A' class, an exposition of the Evolutionary hypothesis, based upon the book, 'A Child's History of the World,' by Hillyer." This occurred on Wednesday morning, February 10th, 1926, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The average age of the children of this grade is about nine to twelve. The teacher did not stop with the lesson quoted in the April "Defender" but continued reading chapter after chapter of Hillyer's book until about the end of the school year. Moreover, she made a large chart illustrating the teaching contained in the book and kept it on the wall several weeks where the little boys and girls could see it each day. She finally instructed the children to write the author of the book letters of appreciation and said she would send the best letter to him.

I asked one little fellow, who I know always goes to Sunday School and in his home had been told of the destructive effects of such teaching; I asked him what sort of a letter he wrote. He said he had to write that he enjoyed the book, fearing that if he did otherwise, the teacher might "bawl him out in class."

A part of the lengthy lesson quoted in the April "Defender" is as follows:

"Well, there was a time long, long, long ago when there were no men or women or children, no people of any kind in the whole world. Of course there were no houses, for there was no one to build them or to live in them, no towns or cities—nothing that people make. There were just wild animals—bears and wolves, birds and butterflies, frogs and snakes, turtles and fish. Can you think of such a world as that?"

Then,
long, long, long,

Before that, there was a time when there were no people and no animals of any sort in the whole world; there was just growing plants, trees and bushes, grass and flowers. Can you think of such a world as that?"

Then,
long, long, long,
long, long, long,

Before that, there was a time when there were no people, no animals, no plants, in the whole world; there was just bare rock and water everywhere. Can you think of such a world as that?"

Then,
long, long, long
long, long, long—you might keep on saying—"long, long, long," all day, and tomorrow, and all next week, and next month and next year, and it would not be long enough—before this, there was a time when there was no world at all!

There were only the Stars.
Nothing else! . . .

One of these stars is our Sun—yes, our Sun. The other stars would look the same as the Sun if we could get as close to them. But at that time, so long, long ago, our Sun was not just a big, round, white hot ball as we see it in the sky today. It was then more like the fireworks you may have seen on the Fourth of July. It was whirling and sputtering and throwing off sparks.

One of these sparks which the Sun threw far off got cool just as a spark from the crackling log in the fireplace gets cool, and this cooled-off spark was —

What do you suppose?
See if you can guess—
It was our World—yes, the World on which we now live. . . .

Then, after this, came the first tiny animals in the water. They were wee mites like drops of jelly.

Then, after this, came things like insects, some that live in the water, some on the water, some on the land, and some in the air.

Then, after this, came Fish, that live only in the water.

Then, after this, came Frogs, that live in the water and on the land, too.

Then, after this, came Snakes and huge Lizards, bigger than alligators, more like dragons; and they grew so big that at last they could not move and died because they could not get enough food to eat.

Then, after this, came Birds that lay eggs and those Animals like foxes and elephants and cows that nurse their babies when they are born.

Then, after this came monkeys.

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JESUS AND MODERNISM

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so far as the atonement for sin is concerned, in fact the Modernist states that he believes in vicarious sacrifice, not in the way the New Testament textually teaches it—(Christ a sin-bearer and substitute, "made sin for us," enduring death as penalty for sin)—but he believes in vicarious sacrifice as illustrated in the act of David Livingstone or Father Damien. This makes it possible for us all to make vicarious sacrifice in behalf of others.

The Modernist does not believe in the resurrection of the flesh. The scripture record declares that Jesus rose in the flesh—so actually in the flesh that he commanded His disciples to Handle Him and see that He was not a spirit, a mere ghost, but that He was flesh and bones. According to the Bible record, therefore, the resurrection of Christ was a resurrection of the flesh. Since therefore the Modernist does not believe in the resurrection as set forth in the Bible, he does not believe in the resurrection at all. Of course, having discarded the resurrection, it is only a short step to a denial of His coming a second time to this world, and Fosdick says, "I do not believe in the physical return of Jesus." It seems to be of small moment that this is a denial of Christ's statement "Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of Heaven." This statement of the Lord makes it impossible to accept His coming as that of the invisible Holy Spirit or the Spirit of Christ himself; and so in this issue between Dr. Fosdick and the Lord himself, Fosdick does not hesitate, as the representative of the modernist teaching, to contradict the Christ. We cannot understand what the purpose can be in a teaching that destroys all the foundations of the Christian faith and yet claims to be Christian. Many people have been deceived just as John, in his Second Epistle, warns us would be the case, when he said, "for many deceivers are entered into the world who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh; this is a deceiver and an anti-Christ;" and having listened to the flowery language of the modern critic they have, without careful study no their part—in fact without realizing the depths to which this destructive teaching has gone—accepted the teachings of the Modernist, only to discover, when need arose, that their faith had been destroyed and their souls ruined. The Modernist has made of the Christ only a good man—the product of evolution, powerless to help in any divine or miraculous manner in the hour of man's need; and left the whole human race to struggle and grope in darkness, seeking by their own power, to reform and justify themselves.

We feel it is high time that the orthodox Christians should arise in the power of their might and demand that these atheists and agnostics withdraw from the Christian church and be as honest at least as was Ingersoll who, as a son of the church lost his faith, withdrew from the church, to oppose it from the outside. We have no respect for the man who will accept the bread of the Christian church and then prove a traitor to her teachings. There are men occupying pulpits of some of our churches today who, with brazen effrontery, recite the Apostles' Creed in the opening of their morning services and then proceed to deny every statement that has been made under that introductory clause of "I believe." It appeals to us that common honesty would cause these men to either stop reciting the Creed, or denying a belief in its teachings.

It is natural to want to compromise

if possible. It is more enjoyable to fellowship than to fight. But the condition will get only worse until fearless men openly expose the awful hellish nature of these anti-Christian philosophies and deal them crushing blows. What would have happened in the day of the fight against alcohol if compromising methods had been employed such as some men are advocating in this war against a greater force than King Alcohol? Nothing would have happened. The battle will not be won by "milk and water" methods. It cannot be fought out in a corner. We are not asking that "Evolution" simply be revised; we ask that it be removed. We are not asking that "Modernism" be changed; we ask that it be chased. It is worthy of the most severe condemnation.

We are very sure that one reason why the Modernist Movement has made such rapid progress is because the Modernist has no sense of humility or modesty and forces himself in wherever an opportunity offers itself, while the Evangelical Christian is too quiet and too hesitant.

Bishop Frederick D. Leete, at the public reception given the Bishops in the Hennepin Avenue Church at Minneapolis, in May last year, suggests that the strange part of this whole matter is that the true science of today is an aid to faith and that the real peril of anti-Christian teaching comes not from science but from theology. We quote a few of his statements:

"Surely, religion is not passing under the impact of scientific opposition, but is seizing science itself, and scientific thought displays a new sense of spiritual realities and a new conception of their values.

"Strangely enough, the real peril of anti-Christian teaching comes not from science, but from theology. It is rather remarkable how the comparatively few extreme and radical members of the teaching profession and loose-thinking preachers are being passed around on programs and assemblies, in ministerial institutes and conference schools, in the church press, and in Sunday School literature.

"Radicalism in religion is dragging faith down from its true estate as an organ of spiritual knowledge, is reducing the stature of Jesus Christ from that incarnate deity to that of chief Hebrew moralist, and is dragging God from his high office of Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth to become an impersonal, indefinite, intangible something, the fact and logic of whose existence, it is admitted, we cannot wholly escape.

"It will not be surprising to some who know what is taking place among the leaders of science if a new type of religious revival should come from that source."

Surely, if the world is compelled to look to science for a religious revival, we as Christians have been negligent of our duty and the responsibility placed upon us by the Heavenly Father. We must awaken and return to the faith once delivered to the saints, with a trust in God and in the Bible as His Word, that will openly and continuously refuse to accept the wild guesses of a cheap scientist or the untried and unproven theories of a small theologian. The Bible is not a mere human record of events which took place in the long ago, but is the actual story of Jehovah's dealings with mankind; to the end that man might be redeemed, restored to his last estate. That this is true, can be tested and proven by a study of the Word and its application to our lives.

We contend that it requires more faith to believe the evolutionist's theory that in the dim, misty past, a

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few million years ago, a world was formed by small particles from somewhere—nobody knows where—accumulating and when this accumulation had reached its present form, man evolved from an original protoplasmic germ through a series of evolutions than it does to believe the plain account of the Bible that back of all creation is a living, loving God, who brought into existence, the worlds and the life of the worlds.

"Those most successful primitive men from whom civilized peoples are descended must have excelled in treachery and cruelty, as in quickness of wit and strength of will."—John Fiske.

"The First National Anti-Blasphemy Congress has been recently held in Rome. This movement in Italy goes forward even more strongly. . . . If spitting in train-cars and on sidewalks is prohibited with fine because of the danger of contagion, they declare that the moral contagion which profanity carries with it should also be checked. Who shall say their reasoning is not cogent?"—Sunday School Times.

"The Darwinian explanation appeals to me as the greatest I have ever known as regards the attributes of the Presiding Mind. . . . Had the Church been quick to seize the skirts of circumstances, the Darwinian discovery would have served her well."—S. Parker Cadman.

"Vestigial Organs"

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(DEFENDER'S NOTE:—In this article on "Vestigial Organs" one of the greatest scientists on the American Continent will speak to you. Notice the degrees attached to the writer's name, realize that he was trained in some of the best Universities in Europe, and you will know why he is recognized as an authority. He speaks the language of a careful, competent, trained scientist and in this article brushes aside the false claims made by evolutionists builded around, "babies born with webbed fingers and hairy bodies," "human tails," "animal teeth," "anthropoid ribs," "blood tests," "gill-slits," "Piltown man," etc. Dr. Brown gives this article to "The Defender" although it was released and used primarily by the Bible Champion.)

Professor Charles Hilltout, one of the best known anthropologists of America, and a friend of the writer, will shortly publish a book, entitled "Organic Evolution." He has kindly allowed us to read the manuscript and has asked us to answer two arguments which he considers of great importance, and which occupy the closing pages of his able treatise. These are "Vestigial Organs" and the "Blood-Serum Test."

The "Vestigial Organ" argument has long been used by the evolutionist, while the Blood-Serum Test is of later origin. They are both quite unconvincing as evidence for evolution, and are easily disposed of. In this article we shall consider seriatim the points in Chapter XXII of Professor Hilltout's book, relating to the first subject.

The author begins by calling attention to the fact that occasionally a human baby "is born with a hairy body like an ape," or "with webbed fingers" like frogs. Why a hairy body like an ape? Why not like a horse, a cow, a dog, or any other hairy animal? He has forgotten that every baby is born with a hairy body, the hair follicles being distributed over the entire epidermis. In some babies the hair of the head is thick and long, in others short and scanty. Some are born with an abundant covering of vernix caseosa, a cheese-like substance. Others have none. Some enter the world with two heads, six fingers, six toes, and sometimes with only four fingers or four toes. But all these monstrosities prove nothing concerning heredity. They are simply exceptional or abnormal features in development—freaks or sports of nature. To draw conclusions concerning our ancestors from these and similar phenomena involves us in gigantic difficulties and absurdities.

We must always remember that similarity in structure and physical resemblance is no proof of genetic relationship. Note one instance of resemblance, which, if we adopted his view, would certainly cause considerable embarrassment. It is this. The milk of the ass is more nearly like human milk in composition than is that of any other animal. Delicate human babies are sometimes fed on it for this reason. Does this mean that man was once an ass, or that he is a near relative of that animal?

Then the "projecting tail" comes into the argument. This is one of the most fantastic and grotesque "proofs"

that could be offered. In an animal the tail is a continuation of the spinal column. In the early human embryonic stages the upper part of the embryo develops first, along with the notochord, which forms the foundation for, and is replaced by, the spinal column. This column divides into segments, each the foundation for a single vertebra. The number of these, when segmentation is complete—and this occurs very early in embryonic development—is thirty-three.

As stated, the head and upper extremities develop before the trunk and lower limbs, so that early, say at four or five weeks, one sees a head with two dark spots, one on either side, ultimately to develop into eyes, the buds for the arms, and the longer body part, which at this stage appears to be the naked eye like a segmented rod bent on itself. This portion of the body below the head, before the chest and abdomen and lower limbs have developed around it, is what the evolutionists call the tail. The sole reason for this statement is that it looks somewhat like a tail, because the parts which will soon grow out, from and around it are not yet visible.

If we take the evolutionist's view seriously, we would suppose that, in the early weeks of embryonic life, there exists a miniature body with head, chest, abdomen, and their contained organs, upper and lower limbs, and—most important of all—a definitely formed tail, the latter being shed or discarded as the embryo becomes more human. To do this, of course, many vertebrae would have to be lost. But the fact is, no vertebrae disappear; yet the so-called "tail" soon vanishes because of the development of the body and lower limbs. This wonderful caudal appendage is nothing more than the early stage of the spinal column! It does not really disappear because the embryo becomes less like an animal, but simply becomes hidden by the subsequent development of other parts around it.

The end of the spinal column consists of four fused vertebrae, and is occasionally longer at birth than normal and curls back instead of forward. This again is a freak or sport, and is no more significant than when a child is born with two heads or when certain bones in the skull or limbs are absent or deformed.

Next we are told about functionless muscles, especially those of the scalp connected with the outer ear, now greatly dwindled, although some people are still able to move their ears with them. Dr. Hilltout also mentions a "little pulpy mass on the inner side of the eye," supposed to be the remnant of the "third semi-transparent nictitating membrane which birds inherit from animals, rudimentary in all vertebrates from fish to mammals."

These alleged instances of animal relics do not help the cause of evolution, and for good reasons. In man these thin muscles serve to attach the outer ear to the skull, and, although not normally needed for wagging the external auditory apparatus, they are by no means useless. A human being because he cannot wave his ears in the breeze like a donkey, al-

though he has similar but smaller muscles, is not necessarily close kin to this well-known animal.

If the occasion ever arose, and our environment or other conditions necessitated it, these muscles, being present, would be capable of increased development. Their functional activity differs in man and beast. That we are constructed on the same general plan does not prove the animals to be our ancestors.

Does the professor know that every membrane, duct, blood vessel, tendon and muscle of the African elephant exists in the shrew mouse? Does that fact prove that the elephant is developed from a mouse?

The little red mass in the corner of the eye has no connection, as far as we know, with the third nictitating eyelid of lower life-forms. If we do not understand its use, neither do we understand the use of many other structures in the body. The Creator, however, knows, and some day our knowledge will give us fuller comprehension.

The Thyroid, Thymus and Pineal Glands at one time were all classified as useless and rudimentary; but we now know they have an exceedingly important part to play in bodily growth and function. Because we cannot find any other use for it, we must not say without a scrap of evidence that this "pulpy mass" was at one time the "third eyelid."

After muscles come teeth, and reference is made to the third molar or wisdom teeth, which "originally had three fangs and five cusps, but now only two fangs and four cusps." Also we are told that "the eye or canine teeth are longer than the others," and that this is "quite meaningless" unless it is a fact that "the canines of remote ancestors required deeper and longer roots than did the other, because of more pronounced development and the consequent greater strain upon them!" our Scientist tells us that "in the mandible of the Piltown man the teeth are decidedly ape-like," and we "cannot doubt, therefore, that this deep rootedness of our eye teeth, when there is no longer the need for it, is proof of heredity from the animal form." Evidently the professor has forgotten that the evolutionary anthropologist fitted the jaw of a chimpanzee to a human skull, in order to manufacture the Piltown "man." What reason under the blue dome is there for any such conclusion as he draws. This is a case of *reductio ad absurdum*.

The vermiform appendix next receives attention, and is accused of being a degenerate organ. Although once useful and of ample proportions, our author tells us it is now useless, an encumbrance to the body, and on the road to extinction. How does the professor, or anyone else, know that the normal healthy appendix does not perform a useful function? In our bodies are certain lymphoid tissues whose work it is to manufacture white blood cells and guard against infection. These tissues include the spleen and the thymus gland—the latter a structure which lies behind the upper part of the breast bone and atrophies at puberty. The appendix is formed of similar tissue, and, in common with all lymphoid tissues, acts as a filter or obstruction to foreign particles, disease-producing bacteria and chemical poisons. It is a gratuitous assumption to say it is useless and a relic of a former stage.

Then, with considerable gusto, the author states that occasionally man has thirteen pairs of ribs, "like all anthropoid apes," suggesting that

originally this was the normal number, but that one pair has been lost by man as "the result of taking the upright position."

We regret to have to say that this looks like an error which proves the writer to be a superficial student of anatomy. In this paragraph there are a mis-statement of fact and a misleading implication. Anyone writing on this subject should know that the higher order of mammals—Primates are divided into two sub-orders, Prosimiae and Anthropoidea. The former group embraces the Lemurs, the Chiromys of Madagascar, and the Galagos of West Africa. The Anthropoidea order are divided into two classes, the first comprising monkeys and apes and the second man. There are four typical forms or genera of apes, the Gibbon, the Orang, the Chimpanzee and the Gorilla. The Gibbon, Chimpanzee and Gorilla each have fourteen pairs of ribs, the Orang having twelve pairs. So, as a matter of fact, not one of these orders has thirteen pairs of ribs.

The hopeless confusion into which we are thrown when we attempt to prove evolution by comparing the anatomy of man and ape is well shown by Huxley, the great evolutionist, when he wrote:

"While the Gibbons are most remote from man, the Orangs approach him nearest in the number of ribs, the form of the cerebral hemispheres, and other less obvious characters; the Chimpanzee is the nearest related to him in the form of the skull, the teeth, and the proportions of the arms, while the Gorilla resembles him more in the proportions of the leg to the body, of the foot to the hand, in the size of the head, the curvature of the spine, the form of the pelvis and the absolute capacity of the skull. Anatomists differ as to whether the Chimpanzee or the Gorilla is nearest to man."

According to the Blood Serum Test, Professor Hilltout informs us that the "results bring out exactly the same degree of genetic relationship as our . . . anatomical . . . investigations led us to believe existed between the members of the Primate order."

This is not true. The rib argument shows the Orang to be nearest to man, while the Blood Test places him a poor third in the line; in fact, the monkey beats him by one point. Man is 100, Orang seems to be 86, and monkey 87, as far as can be determined by the confusing statistics given in Chapter 23.

Gray's Anatomy tells us that "the ribs in man are twelve in number on either side, but the number may be increased to thirteen by the development of a cervical or lumbar rib, or may be reduced to eleven." Our evolutionist friend might possibly wish to use the latter number to prove that Adam actually lost one pair when Eve was created! The Fundamentalist does not resort to such arguments in order to strengthen his case. Anyone acquainted with the subject knows that the numbers thirteen or twelve or eleven have no particular significance. They are simply instances of slight departure from the normal order.

Extra or supernumerary glands (breast) and nipples are brought forward to strengthen this ape-ancestry speculation. We read:

"The mammary glands go through the same phases in the embryo of man as in the embryos of all other animals."

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Well, why not? Why should mammary glands, whether belonging to an animal or a human being, not develop in the same way? The Creator has one way to develop everything, and that way is the best. There would be no occasion to alter this for a less perfect method. A perfect Creator could not adopt an imperfect plan.

Extra mammary glands are frequently observed in many parts of the body, the arm, arm pit, the back, the buttock, the thigh, etc. Are we to suppose from this that we descended from some extinct ancestor or species which carried the breasts on the arm or thigh? Are the undeveloped breasts of man any proof that he was once a woman, but with change of sex and division of labor he has ceased to manufacture the lacteal fluid?

On May 17, 1925, there was born to a Holstein cow on the Huntley-Wood Farm at Beaconsfield, Quebec, a two-headed calf. It has four eyes, two mouths, two tongues, two noses, two sets of teeth and a full upper and lower jaw on each head. It has only two ears. Is this any evidence that the cow's ancestors were ever monstrosities of this nature? To ask the question is to answer it. Quoting further, we read:

"The strongest and clearest evidence is drawn from such highly modified animals as snakes, whales and horses. Snakes are derived from early reptile forms which possessed limbs.

"Remains of a pelvic girdle and portions of thigh and leg bone may be seen in the embryo snakes. The Baalen whale has no teeth today but the embryo whales have a full set. The whale is a modified land animal whose ancestors resorted to an aquatic ex-

istence, and in course of time lost their hind limbs by degeneration, mutation, or adaptive response to their new conditions of life. In the whale we find tiny remnants of the thigh bone."

These remains of pelvic girdle and thigh bone in snakes and whales, and the absence of teeth in the adult whale, although present in the embryo, are a genuine source of amusement to the evolutionist who is very short of facts. It is often a good idea to allow one evolutionist to demolish another.

In his "Darwinism Today" (pp. 37, 38), Professor Vernon Kellogg, of Stanford University, ridicules this bone argument:

"Spencer's example of the femur of the whale is a striking illustration of the absurdity connected with the argument of change, on a basis of the selection of infinitesimal differences. The femur of the whale, says Spencer, is evidently the atrophied rudiment of a bone once much larger. It weighs now about an ounce, less than a millionth the weight of the whole body. Let us suppose that when it weighed two ounces, the individual (whale) had a femur which by variational chance weighed but one ounce. What advantage over other whales would the difference give it? And yet this is the argument for the reduction of useless organs through the influence of natural selection."

Next the horse is asked to show us his hoof. We learn that he is a "one-toed animal now," but that "splints or side bones on the horse's leg are vestiges of earlier toes."

What is the story of the evolution of the horse? They first found the fossil bones of a little animal, squirrel size, estimated to be about three

million years old. They dubbed him Hyracotherium, but failed to emphasize the fact that only the skull was discovered, so that no one knows how many toes he had. But a start had to be made somewhere, and so he was given five toes. That seemed about the right number. Then animals, not at all resembling the horse, but increasing in size and decreasing in toes, are found, twelve stages in all, until Plihippus was unearthed in 1917. The literature of the American Museum of Natural History informs us that he was about 50,000 years old. But he has hoofs, is the size of a horse, has everything that a horse has, and is said to be "transitional between the three-toed and the one-toed stage." Of course, Plihippus is simply a real horse, but the big name is impressive and reeks with antiquity.

The one essential bit of evidence is again lacking, viz., any connection or intermediate form between these small animals and the horse to show they were ever connected by a bridge of any kind. The oddest thing about all these discoveries is that scientists always find plenty of specimens of the things to be connected, but never one solitary connection.

Another weak point in this horse argument is this: Evolution is always supposed to proceed from the simple to the complex. If that is so, we should find a one-toed predecessor of the horse changing to a four or five-toed animal. How are we to explain the reversal of this uniform law?

The last item in the professor's list of vestigial organs is the tail-bone of birds. This corresponds to the human coccyx, but terminates in a single bone known as the "plough-share," which very early in life consists of several tail-vertebrae.

The tail bone is alleged to be a relic of the long, articulated or jointed tail of an extinct bird, the Archeopteryx, and the tails of reptilian ancestors.

The reasoning process which leads to this conclusion is mystifying. Our scientist proposes a reptilian beginning for birds, commencing with the Ignuanodon, an extinct lizard-like animal. Then we are asked to look at the ostrich to see how a transition could be effected between reptile and bird—the inference being, of course, that the ostrich is the nearest kin to the reptile Ignuanodon.

But why pass by the Archeopteryx which is claimed to be millions of years nearer the reptile and the same long space older than the ostrich descendant?

The comparison with the bird said to be nearest in time to the reptile does not help the theory, because the Archeopteryx resembles neither bird nor reptile, although it is a real bird, possessing feathers which are found only on birds. The Archeopteryx, extinct for millions of years, is more modern than some living types—except for the long tail. These resemblances and differences prove nothing either way, but simply reveal the endless variety in nature's life-forms.

There is the inevitable reference to the "gill-slits" of the human embryo, and they are said to prove an animal origin for man by repeating in their intraterm development this one fish phase.

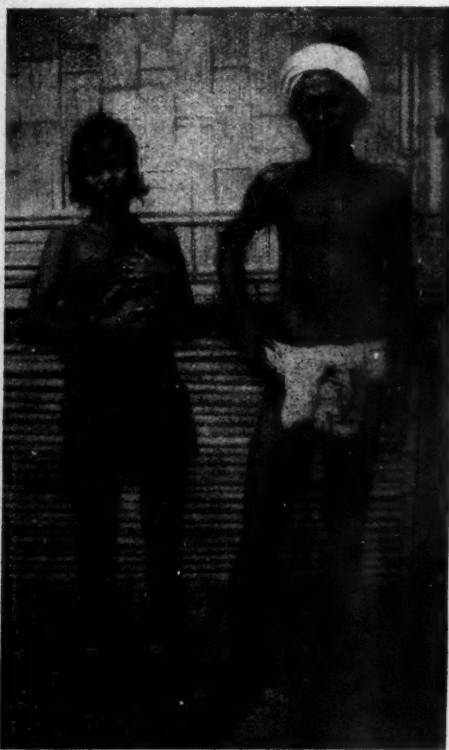
One answer is: The third arch is the foundation for a piece of cartilage, or "gristle," called the thyro-hyoid cartilage. The third cleft becomes the tube of the Thymus gland. The fourth and fifth arches disappear in the formation and extension of the neck, while the included fourth cleft is applied to form the Thyroid gland.

In our common fishes the clefts are six in number, and all penetrate the alimentary canal. The third and fourth visceral clefts are associated with the gills of fishes, which are breathing organs or branchial clefts. The alleged similar clefts in man are not branchial or breathing clefts at all, but pharyngeal clefts, having an entirely different function. Erich Wasmann, in "The Problem of Evolution" (p. 61), says:

"The so-called branchial arches and clefts are merely curves and folds of the pharynx which are quite unimportant in themselves, and eventually develop into something bearing no resemblance to real branchial arches or clefts."

"In the case of fish to whose existence gills are essential, a similar arrangement develops into real gills, and so, with regard to fish alone, it is correct to speak of real branchial arches and clefts as existing in the embryo."

Certainly the appeal to vestigial organs is far from convincing.



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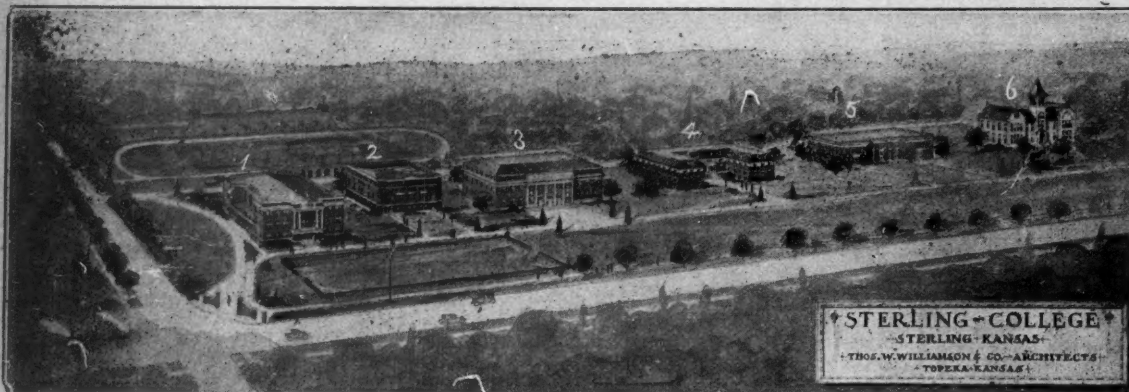
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Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas is planning to celebrate her Fortieth Anniversary next year by an addition of one-half million dollars to her endowment.

The above picture is the campus, as we hope to have it in a few years. Buildings three and five from the left are in prospect. The other buildings are on the campus, and the picture is an exact reproduction of the institution as it is.

It was founded in 1887 as a Christian College under the auspices of the United Presbyterian Church. She has an enrollment today of 428. Her growth has been so marked the last

few years that the Board, at the request of the Faculty, has limited the enrollment to 300 students in the collegiate department, and 200 in the allied department.

The first building to the left is Spencer Hall, the new auditorium and Fine Arts building. The auditorium seats 1750. The front part is given over to Home Economics, Music, Art and Expression.

The second building is Wilson Gymnasium, and was built two years ago, and is modern in every respect.

Just back of the Gymnasium is the bowl athletic field, which has been built at a cost of about \$5,000.

The third building is the prospective new Administration Building, which is to be built out of the funds of the present campaign.

The fourth building is Campbell Hall, the new dormitory for girls.

It is beyond question one of the finest dormitories in the State, and is to be occupied in June by the State P. E. O. Convention delegates.

The last Building is the prospective Library, Museum, Bible Department and Home Economics.

The three story building to the right is the original college building, now being used for recitations, and, when the building plan is completed, it will probably be used as a Science Building.

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Any information regarding this institution will be gladly furnished by the President, Ross T. Campbell.

Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists

Three church denominations, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, recently united officially in Canada to form one gigantic organization known as the United Church. Leaders of conservative forces opposed the merger, regarding it as "politics controlled by modernists." One powerful group of the Presbyterian denomination refused to submit themselves to such a policy and they are known through Canada now as the "Continuing Presbyterian Church."

The Continuing Presbyterian Church, which is made up of the congregations which refused to enter the United Church, has sent out a statement giving the size of the denomination. This statement declares that there are 8 synods and 42 presbyteries distributed throughout the provinces of the dominion. There are 980 congregations with an estimated membership of 150,000. The 980 congregations include 793 which voted not to enter the United Church and 183 which have been formed out of minority groups from congregations which did enter the union. The principal strength of the denomination is in the larger cities and in the province of Ontario. In Toronto there are 26 Continuing Presbyterian congregations; in Montreal, 12; in Hamilton, 14. There is a reorganization of women's missionary societies in every province, with 35 presbyterial organizations and 1,100 branches. Deaconess and missionary training is carried on at a new headquarters in Toronto. Training of the ministry will continue at Knox College, Toronto, which remains an institution of the Continuing Presbyterian Church.

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The Bible and The School

By Rev. J. A. Harper

One of the most vital questions before the Christian people of today is that of the Bible and scientific teachings in our public schools.

Let us draw a comparison from world conditions. Suppose for a little that language is the same the world over. Fathers and mothers, would you be willing to take your children out of the real Christian American High Schools and send them to the so-called educational institutions of India? You might send your boys; but you could not send your girls. Over there the girls are not supposed to be educated. They would rather educate the cow. What makes the difference? It lies in the religious systems of the two lands, and the attitude maintained concerning the origin of man.

India's religion is beastly in its conception of man, and classes woman with the cow. She has not evolved from the beast nature sufficiently to merit an education. Likewise the instruction given to the boys is not sanctified by the philosophy of the Bible; and is not conducive to good morals.

In many places however, India is changing. What is bringing about the change? The missionary has entered the land with the Bible and a new philosophy of education. The Bible is, by the missionary, put at the very center of everything in education. Today, the boys and girls of India are learning that God made them; and that in them is the likeness of God rather than the mark of the beast. The home-life is also changing; and they are coming to honor their Creator. The Bible is the fulcrum on which civilizations are raised; and the mis-use of the Bible is also the means of civilization decay.

As compared with oriental civilization, what are the outstanding features in the history of our nation relating to the Bible and the school? When our fore-fathers settled on the Atlantic seaboard, they at once committed themselves and their children to Almighty God. Having within them a burning, religious consciousness that all which is best must have God at its base, they at once established the church for the worship of the true God; and the school for the development of their children. As a church without God and religion in it would be a cold, dead thing; so, they believed, that if the school is to be an institution for the development of their youth, it must have in it the things which make real development possible in the child. To accomplish this, they put the Bible into every school.

Following their careful, conscientious, religious concerns for their children, these worthy parents felt they must throw about these young souls every influence, which would help to keep their minds turned toward their Creator. Because of their love for God, his Word and their children, they erected the school and the church side by side; planted the grave-yard at their side and then put a fence around the three. When you found the one, you generally found the other two. Thus was our educational system started, which has helped to give us our high type of civilization.

Who were the founders of such a system? They were Christian leaders, whose faith in God's Word can never be questioned. They had received from the Word the deep-rooted consciousness that they were made by God's own hand for the distinctive purpose of glorifying their Creator. Entertaining such a high conception of their origin and the purpose of their creation; they reasoned that their off-spring should have within them the same conscious conception of their relation to their God, so they put the Bible as the first of all textbooks, building around it the bulwark of a curriculum, which should agree with and defend the everlasting truths of the Word. Lovers of the Bible have always stood for more and better education.

Before closing this article, we want you Christian readers to take one more journey into foreign lands. Come with me to the land of pyramids. Once upon a time the Coptic church was strong in the valley of the Nile. In the land of the Pharaohs, arose a civilization which was second to none. Later the church failed to maintain her interest in the education of her youth. False philosophies crept in and displaced the very teachings of the Bible. The day was when the Coptic church worshiped God as we do today. Growing slack, they permitted the false isms to enter and disrupt their church. False philosophies easily came then into the schools. Where is the Coptic church today? Where is the high system of education once found in Egypt? Yea also, where is their civilization?

Here we find history repeating herself. If the false scientific philosophies concerning the origin of man and his relation to his God, which have heretofore wrecked churches, educational systems and even civilizations of old, now also trying to creep stealthily into our own churches and institutions, are not checked, who can tell the end thereof? The history of the past and the conditions of the present are an open challenge to all right thinking religious leaders to bestir themselves to God's call of the hour. The future morale of the nation and the future stability of our civilization, depend upon our attitude to the call of this hour concerning the church and the school. Let us keep them clean from false philosophies.

GREAT CONVENTION BEING PLANNED

The first annual convention of "The Defenders" will be held in November. The Executive Committee has decided that it will be conducted in Topeka, Salina or Wichita.

Definite arrangements have not been made, but one of these three cities will be selected by the "Committee on Arrangements." The city in which the gathering will be held must have an auditorium seating at least 3,000 persons. It is probable that no less than 1,000 delegates will be in attendance.

Speakers of national reputation will be present. The convention will last three days. Details will be made known later.

Congressman Upshaw

By Gerald B. Winrod

I had heard and read much about Hon. W. D. Upshaw, Representative from Georgia, but had never had the pleasure of meeting him until the afternoon of May 14th, walking through one of the corridors of the Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. with one of the Congressmen from Kansas. We came upon a rather frail looking gentlemen with commanding personality, supporting himself with crutches. I was introduced to Congressman Upshaw.

This Southern statesman is obliged to walk with crutches, and when he speaks, he frequently occupies the corner of a table for rest, being burdened with a physical misfortune that makes the normal use of his limbs impossible.

He is one of the outstanding characters in Washington today. He is a gifted orator, a great student, a charming man to know and a fine Christian gentleman. Hard drawn lines of toil are written upon his face, a charm and magnetism is felt instantly with his warm handclasp and there is a twinkle in his eye that told me of the fine sense of humor that always characterizes his addresses.

We had not talked two minutes until the subject of religion was introduced, and he was telling me of his devotion to the principles that make for Christian civilization and righteous legislation. With his brain, heart, eloquence, oratory and pen, he is a terror to bootleggers and evolutionists.

Congressman Upshaw has always been a bitter foe of the wet forces at work in Washington. He is uncompromising in his stand against the liquor interests of the country.

Having acquainted himself with the powerful, destructive forces involved in the teaching of Evolution which has become the basis of education in America, and knowing that it is conducive to hate, anarchy and war, he is as firm in his stand against it as he is against alcohol. He has helped in several battles between Christianity and Evolution in the Southland and had a great deal to do with getting the anti-evolution law enacted in Mississippi recently.

A press report was circulated a while back indicating that he was willing to introduce a bill into Congress to prohibit the teaching of Evolution by national legislation. This report was false. Mr. Upshaw seemed anxious to correct it. He feels that the responsibility is with the individual states and should be dealt with accordingly.

Mr. Upshaw is deeply interested in the program of "The Defenders" and in all probability will be one of the outstanding speakers on the program of the first annual convention in Kansas next November.

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Snakes, Birds: Birds, Animals: Animals, Monkeys: Monkeys, People: and here we are!

These First Stone Age People we call Primitive, which simply means First as a Primer means First Reader. Primitive People were wild animals. Unlike other wild animals, however, they walked on their hind legs.

These First People had hair growing, not just on their heads, but all over their bodies, like some shaggy dogs. They had no houses of any sort in which to live. They simply lay down on the ground when night came. Later, when the earth became cold, they found caves in the rocks or in the hillsides where they could get away from the cold and storms and other wild animals. So men, women, and children of this time were called Cave People.

They lived on berries and nuts and grass seeds. They robbed the nests of birds for the eggs, which they ate raw, for they had no fire to cook with. They were blood-thirsty; they liked to drink the warm blood of animals they killed, as you would a glass of milk.

They talked to each other by some sort of grunts—

"Umfa umfa, plug, plug."

A cave man got his wife by stealing a girl away from her own cave home, knocking her senseless, and dragging her off by her hair, if necessary. The men were fighters but not brave. They would kill other animals and other men if the others were weaker or if they could sneak upon them and catch them off their guard, but if others were stronger they would run and hide.

Their only rule of life was hurt and kill what you can, and run from what you can't. This is what we call the first law of nature—every man for himself. They knew if they didn't kill they would be killed for there were no laws nor police to protect them.

These primitive cave people are our ancestors, and we get from them many of their wild ways."

Think of it This dirty, vicious, lustful, putrid stuff being hammered into the dreamy, plastic brains of mere boys and girls right here in Kansas! My soul cries out against this awful thing. What must be the

effect upon the imagination of little children when they are told that their ancestors drank "warm blood" as they "would drink milk"? What must be the effect when little darlings are taught that their ancestors "walked on their hind legs," talked by saying, "umfa, umfa, plug, plug," "a cave man got his wife by stealing a girl away from her own cave, knocking her senseless, and dragging her off by her hair," "their only rule of life was hurt and kill," "this is the first law of nature"; I ask, what must be the effect? My observation is that the teaching of Evolution is doing more to promote crime, immorality, atheism, anarchy and war, than all the thugs, bums, bootleggers and I. W. W.'s combined.

Corresponds with Bible

But what is even more shocking is the fact that the boys and girls were given the impression that all this is what the Bible teaches. Listen!

This particular Grade school publishes a ten page school paper. One of the little boys who had been made to believe this rot has an article in one of the May numbers, in which he praises the book, saying "it is so interesting that the boys and girls are anxious" to have their teacher read it to them. And the boy makes this amazing statement, "The stories told correspond to those given in the Bible." Notice that: "The stories told correspond to those given in the Bible."

As a member of "The Defenders" I contend that this ought not be allowed in tax-supported schools. I have evidence to support what I have said in these two articles and wish to declare publicly my opposition to this sort of teaching in schools supported from public funds.

Hundreds will be more shocked than ever to learn that this occurred in a school in Wichita. Of course, some will not be alarmed for they have not yet awakened to the impending danger in such intellectual T. N. T. Personally, I have no doubt but what this is being done in many Grade-schools over the State and in other States, and of course everyone knows that the High Schools and Universities teach Evolution because it is in the text-books.

What shall we do about it? Every person that believes this condition ought to be remedied should join "The Defenders" immediately and pledge support to the great program of the organization. In unity there is strength.

Religious forces are organizing in North Carolina to withstand Evolution in its schools, according to the following press report from the Washington (D. C.) Herald:

"Every North Carolina hillside and village will be thoroughly organized in an effort to 'relieve the Christian people from having to support through taxation schools and colleges that pay the salaries of teachers who are training students to be atheists.' This was the announcement made following the stormy session of the 'committee of 100,' which went on record as denouncing the teaching of evolution in State-owned schools and the employment of teachers who hold these views."

The organization known as the Gideons has already placed 670,000 Bibles in guest rooms in hotels in the United States and Canada. There are 2,000,000 such rooms, and the Gideons are anxious to put a Bible in every one of them. It costs about one dollar per Bible, and to meet the need quite a sum of money is required. The state of Florida alone is asking for 50,000 Bibles, and hotel men all over the country are calling for them.

The Evolution Issue

It is not a fight against science; scores of great scholars are on record declaring that Evolution is not a Science at all,—only a Hypothesis, an unproven guess.

Over a thousand great Scientists are on record as rejecting Evolution. Genesis says God "Created great whales;" Evolution, Theistic and Atheistic, says that that's a lie, that the ancestors of whales had four legs, walked around on land as other animals, that whales evolved from the lower nimals. Genesis says that God "created every living creature that moveth which the waters brought forth abundantly;" Evolution says that's a lie; that all species on the earth and in the ocean evolved up from the amoeba, the first living thing, to man. Genesis says God created "Every winged fowl;" Evolution says that that's a lie—that fowls evolved from reptiles. Genesis says "God created man in His own image;" Evolution says that that's a lie, that

the first man was mid-way between the Anthropoid ape and modern man. Genesis says ten times that God created everything "after his kind;" Evolution says that there are ten lies; Genesis says that the first man spoke a plain language; Evolution says that that is a lie, that the first man had no language, but learned language, through many generations of experience. Genesis says that the first man by sin fell; Evolution says that that is a lie; that the first man never fell, but that man has always been evolving upward. Genesis says that God sent a flood and destroyed man from the earth, save Noah and his family; Evolution says that that is a lie. Now the Savior endorsed Genesis as the Word of God; if Evolution is true then He endorsed those lies as the Word of God; Diety, God's real Son, would not endorse a tissue of lies as God's Word; hence Evolution makes the Savior in the minds of those who believe it, merely the illegitimate son of a fallen woman.—Conflict.



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By Gerald B. Winrod

Cheap Clap-Trap Methods of Condemnation Used by Enemies Are Deplored

We have a new baby at our house. He is some boy! He is an adopted baby. We secured him through the Kansas Children's Home Society. I have learned two or three things since John Paul Winrod arrived.

I have learned that when a baby sucks a nursing bottle containing milk he is very happy. And, I have learned that if he continues sucking the bottle after it is empty, the experience usually results in a case of the colic and then he is unhappy.

Just now, many evolutionists seem to have the colic. Their "milk and water" reasoning has been sucked out of their intellectual nursing bottle and they feel bad. The Darwinian hypothesis has been defeated at every turn by scientific facts that can be weighed, measured, studied and photographed, which makes belief in Evolution seem like mere superstition. Their bottle is empty and many evolutionists have "intellectual colic." To save their reputations, not a few have resorted to "mud-slinging" methods.

Fearless Christian leaders who have the courage to speak out are often branded as being intolerant and dogmatic. The fact is, Evolutionism is the most intolerant cult before the public today. Much has been said about "mud-slinging" methods employed by certain prominent preachers who have taken their stand in defense of the Faith. Contrary to such accusation, the "mud-slinging" invariably comes from the other direction.

Bryan - Ignoramus

Evolutionists branded Mr. Bryan as ignorant and attached the unkind word "ignoramus" to his name the last few years before his death. Everywhere he went, speaking in defense of the Bible, he had this propaganda to overcome. He realized this and often made reference to it in public. It was nothing short of slander against this great and good man. Evolutionists knew that to keep the word "ignoramus" constantly before the public would hinder his efforts.

"Mud-Slinging"

Many so-called scholars are expert in jeering and scoffing. These methods excite prejudice and perhaps make a few look with scorn upon Defenders for the time being. We often hear it said that only the unlearned and ignorant oppose Evolution. In this connection, I am reminded of an editorial which appeared in the *Kansas City Journal*.¹ Post about the time "The Defenders" movement was launched, a portion of which is given below:

"Kansas may wander off after the zealots who are striving to ban the teaching of scientific facts concerning evolution from the schools of that state. But if she does, a great many people will be disappointed. . . .

"A coterie of anti-Darwinians in Kansas has organized a so-called 'Defenders' association for the purpose of combating the evolution doctrine in the schools and churches. . . .

"Gerald B. Winrod, founder of 'The Defenders' declares that it was Evolution that started the World War and that about represents the intellectual caliber of the movement. . . .

Here we are charged with "striving to ban the teaching of scientific facts." What could be more false? We have

gone on record from the beginning as favoring true science. Evolution is not science; it is theory and speculation—as Mr. Bryan said, "millions of guesses strung together." Science is "knowledge gained and verified."

The fact that advocates of the Theory are obliged to resort to these clap-trap methods prove that the bottle is empty and they have the colic. As for the "intellectual caliber" of the movement, be it known, that we have in our ranks many of the best trained minds, and certainly the most consecrated hearts, in Kansas.

He Reads Bumps

Another case of "intellectual colic" came to my attention the other day from Ohio. A phrenologist by the name of Tope, who seems to be certain that Evolution is the only real thing left in the world besides "bump reading," secured a very poor picture of me which was circulated recently through eastern newspapers and proceeded to tell the public more about Winrod than I knew myself. His analysis of me, as reported in his magazine, is as follows:

"Another streak of owliness is the nooting at the onward march of Evolution. It's something for the unprogressive and bigoted to fuss about, and there are some men who have some intellectual ability that become fussy enough to lead in movements to oppose it. Wm. J. Bryan, a great man in some respects, raised a big fuss in Tennessee.

"Kansas has become the battleground for a fight on Evolution. The fur has been started to fly by Gerald B. Winrod, newspaper man and evangelist, who is seeking legislation to bar the teaching of antropolopical science in Kansas schools." (Note: Persons who know me will observe four erroneous statements in this last sentence. It would be a fine thing if our critics would confine themselves to the truth.)

My critic in Ohio continues:

"All this opposition comes from uninformed or unbalanced intellects. Their faculty of reverence exceeds and dominates their reason. Their heads are over-full in the frontal tophead. This leads them off into superstition, credulity, faith in antiquated religions, beliefs, blind devotion, fanaticism, and with the posterior tophead high, religious egotism and dogmatism. Not a few become insane. Accompanying this is a portrait of Winrod, which any phrenologist would mark as excessive in the moral section. His eyes show that he is a glib talker, his back tophead is too conspicuous, and with only fair reasoning ability, and perhaps less knowledge. All such persons, Bryan included, have had such forms of head."

There is a reason for the bitterness and scathing criticism used by these men who prefer Darwin or Wells to Moses. It is the spirit of the "Great Deceiver" working as "an angel of light" appearing in the form of higher intelligence. Satan has changed his tactics, but He is accomplishing the same end. He no longer appears as a dragon of physical force, burning Christians at the stake. He works as "an angel of light," but scratch the veneer and you find it is the same old Devil behind the scenes, for the eyes will begin to flash and the fire begin to roll out of his mouth and nostrils when he is attacked.

A Kansas Lawyer Speaks

By W. H. Russell

(Defender's Note: The following article appeared recently in the *Topeka Daily Capital*. The writer, Mr. W. H. Russell is a Defender. Mr. Russell is a consecrated Christian lawyer, one of the most successful and best trained legal minds in Kansas. With the exactness of a careful thinker, he has studied into the destructive forces embodied in the wicked doctrine of Evolution. This fearless statement from his pen gives some of his conclusions.)

To The Capital:

I notice in Sunday's Capital an editorial under the caption "Our Schools Must Be Unfettered." As a general proposition this may be accepted as a correct statement of a correct policy, but it is easy to see that the object of the editorial as well as the action of the National Educational association calling it forth, is to protect the teaching of evolution in the public schools, colleges and universities of the land. You say:

"The whole theory of our great educational system, with its splendid public schools and great state universities, is to provide our young people with a training and an education that will make them better people than we are; that will enable them to avoid the pitfalls we stumbled into, to steer clear of the mistakes and blindnesses that have marked our own travels."

Now that sounds fine as an abstract statement, but when we know that you mean that the unfettered teaching of the fanciful imaginings of the evolutionists as to the origin of the race with all that means to the moral and spiritual accountability of man, will give our children the equipment you mention, we see how specious your argument is. You speak of the "light of truth." There is no light of truth in the evolutionary theories. Scientists worthy of the name do not teach it as truth or fact. Darwin himself said: "We cannot prove that a single species has changed." Dr. N. S. Shaler, department of geology, Harvard, says:

"It begins to be evident that the Darwinian hypothesis is still essentially unverified. . . . It is not yet proven that a single species of the two or three million now inhabiting the earth had been established solely or mainly by the operation of natural selection."

Professor Fleischmann, of Erlangen:

"The Darwinian theory of descent has in the realms of nature not a single fact to confirm it. It is not the result of scientific research but purely the product of the imagination."

Professor Virchow, the greatest German authority on physiology, and once a strong advocate of the theory of evolution:

"It is all nonsense. It cannot be proved by science that man descends from the ape or any other animal."

Professor Tyndall: "There ought to be a clear distinction made between science in a state of hypothesis and science in a state of fact. And inasmuch as it is still in its hypothetical stage, the ban of exclusion ought to fall upon evolution."

Professor Beal, physiologist and professor of anatomy in King's college, London, says:

"The idea of any relation having

been established between the non-living and the living by a gradual advance from lifeless matter to the lowest forms of life, and so onward to the higher and more complex, has not the slightest evidence from the facts of any section of living nature of which anything is known."

I could go on indefinitely in similar quotations, but the above is certainly enough to show that evolution as taught cannot be taught as truth or fact, and that it has no place in the curriculum which is meant to make people better physically or spiritually. On the other hand it is a damnable and destructive teaching, and with the personal attitude and influence of the teacher behind it, teaching it as a fact established, and with the influence and support of valuable moulders of thought such as your paper aiding, untold injury is being done to the young people of this generation. For whether generally known or not, these destructive theories are being taught in our public schools, colleges and the university of this state, as well as in others, largely under the cover of biology, and Wells' Outline of History. If evolution as taught be true, the Bible is not true; if evolution as taught be true, all the ideals, moral and spiritual, toward which we have pointed our children, do not exist; if evolution as taught be true, it leads to the conclusion inevitably that Jesus, if admitted to have lived at all, was the descendant like ourselves, of the ape or gorilla. If evolution as taught, be true, it destroys any pretext for accountability upon the part of man; the evolutionist teaches there is no such a thing as sin, and if there is, there is no punishment for it; we are responsible to no one, no power. That doctrine is destructive inevitably of all that is best in life, and to a great extent explains what you called attention to in an editorial a few days ago upon the increase of crime in this country, pointing out that the United States led all the other countries of the world by a very high percentage in the murders committed, having double the number of our nearest competitor; it is a fact that in this land, founded upon the teachings and ideals of the Bible, since the destructive forces of evolution have obtained a foothold in our schools and colleges, and in the church, too, I am pained to say, crime has increased in leaps and bounds until there are more unpunished murderers running loose in this country today than there are Protestant ministers preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. And crime is not limited to murder; hell is enlarging her borders; gambling and social immorality never so prevalent; the proportion of divorces to marriages never so great; banditry and robbery so common they escape comment; conscience in positions of trust almost the uncommon thing; and sin goes on and crime increases. It is a well known fact that the generation now coming into activity, the young men and women, are the law-breakers of today; it is the class reached and influenced by the teaching of no God, no accountability, no responsibility—in short, it is the natural result of the trampling upon the Bible, and the exalting of the vain imaginings of evolution, with all that means, in the place of it. Do you not think, Mr. Editor, that it would be better for our young people of the nation, and this state, for the body politic, for the home, and its sanity, for every interest we hold dear, if the teaching of such a destroying influence was fettered, fettered to the point of exclusion?

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Why I Am Not An Infidel, Evolutionist, or Modernist.

By E. E. Nelson, Almena, Kans.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to include Evolutionist and Modernist in the above heading since they are but forms of infidelity. All Modernists are Evolutionists and their hypothesis of creation gives man a brute ancestry and makes him the apex of a gradual development extending over millions of years. This hypothesis contains no place for and no need of a plan of salvation. It is only a step from this philosophy to that of the Atheist. You cannot single out any one Modernist or group of Modernists as representative of all because Modernists differ widely, each being a law unto himself. Measured by their belief and unbelief, they are scattered along the entire pathway that leads from so-called liberal conservatism to avowed Atheism as represented by Nietzsche and Darrow. Whether moving slowly or rapidly they are all headed in the same direction, with no logical stopping place between the "hallowed faith" which Romanes held in youth and the "lonely mystery of existence" as he found it when he wrote his book "practically negating the existence of God."

Ever since the day of the Psalmist, when he speaks of the "Fool who hath said in his heart, there is no God," to our present day critics, there has been infidelity in the world. But in our own country the evidences, manifestations and results of infidelity, evolution and modernism were never so apparent, alarming and destructive as at the present time. Materialism is rampant in the lives of men; the things that can be heard and seen and felt and tasted, and that can be smelled are the evidences which are necessary to satisfy some men. A youth was lecturing against the existence of God. He said he was an agnostic. He took nothing for granted; he must be convinced. He said: "I see the mountains, I smell the rose, and I hear the wind; therefore I believe that mountains, roses, and wind exist. But I cannot see, hear, or smell God. Therefore"—A grizzled old cattle raiser glanced over his spectacles at the boy. "Did you ever try to smell with your eyes?" he said quietly. "No." "Then why do you try to apprehend God with faculties which are meant for material things?"

Jesus said, "A tree is known by its

fruits; do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles." And this is the only way any one can judge of the nature of a fruitbearing tree. The tree may be symmetrical in appearance, and may have a profusion of leaves and flowers, and yet be worthless.

Side by side for eighteen hundred years and more have grown the tree of Christianity and the tree of infidelity. Let us remove the foliage and examine the fruit borne by the tree of infidelity.

Turn to Russia. Infidelity in Russia before the Soviet government was called Nihilism. The word comes from a Latin root that means nothing. Nihilism is nothingness. And all forms of infidelity and modernism are nothingness, for infidelity and modernism are negative and not positive. But since the Monarchy was overthrown in Russia, the Soviet government has established nothingness as the national religion, and the last part of 1922 saw an amazing spectacle.

Some of the young folks marched in Moscow's anti-religious parade. They heaped every dreamed of and imagined and possible mockery on all religions and beliefs in a Divine Being. It may be that because of this youthfulness and the poisons they have sucked in for five years in the Soviet schools, that their offenses against common decency, against the eternal verities, and against the Creator should be condoned. The curse should rest on their elders and overlords. It was the French Revolution over again. The Bourbon learns not nor forgets, nor does the revolutionist. In 230 years revolution has learned nothing new. In Moscow priests were caricatured, rituals made a mockery and holiness a byword and a hissing, even as in Paris in 1793 when France was bowing to the "Worship of Reason." Other mobs back through the centuries have ground to dust the images of saints and made ashes of religious effigies. But religion has lived on, and will live so long as one man remains on this planet. "God is not mocked." Those Russian youths may burn their effigies, and label one of them "Almighty God," and dance round its dying embers, but they cannot burn religion out of the human heart. As they grow older they will learn that fact, if Soviet schooling and State atheism have left them able to think at all. They cannot destroy what the intellectual everywhere loves to denounce as "The Tyranny of God," for it is the thing of the heart, the conscience and the spirit. They need to remember that more men have died in the name of religion and in defense of religion than for all things else in the world.

In Germany infidelity and evolution were called rationalism. Every German university was given over almost wholly to this theory, and not only did the German student life become riotous and disorderly, but the whole nation became obsessed with the idea of the theory of the "Superman," or the great law of the survival of the fittest, and with this idea embodied, the idea that they would survive because they were the fittest, because they were the "Supermen," they entered into conflict with the whole world. And with goose step gait and with goose step thinking they came, they saw, and they left. Today there has come about a change in the thinking of some of the German colleges, and the Bible has been reinstated in the place where Luther enthroned it.

Every student of history knows too well the influence of infidelity in France. It had its age of reason. Every possible effort was made to destroy the Bible and dethrone Christ. Voltaire predicted that at the end of

the eighteenth century Christianity would die. Voltaire is dead enough, but Christianity is very much alive, and the very printing house that printed the works of Voltaire is today used as a storeroom for the precious word of God. France dethroned Christ among her people and enthroned Reason as her God. But France could not control her people and the streets of Paris again and again ran red with the blood of her best citizens. When a nation forgets God it loses the only power by which the masses of humanity can be controlled and guided. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, with the nations that forget God."

I wonder whether you have noticed the fruits of modernism and unbelief in our own beloved country. In less than forty-five years it has assassinated three Presidents—Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley. It was responsible for the awful tragedy at the Hay Market Theatre in Chicago, where, without a moment's warning, innocent men, women and children were blown into eternity. It is poisoning the minds of the boys and girls of America with its biology and zoology, with its obscene pictures and vulgar literature, and we have reaped the fruits in the Leopold-Loeb tragedy in that same city. Infidelity stifles all benevolence upon the part of its adherents and teaches them to eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die. No one can point to a benevolent institution that has been founded and fostered by any form of unbelief. It has never so much as lifted the tip of its finger to bring a heathen nation out of its ignorance and superstition into the light of civilization. It causes men to live for self and for the gratification of appetite and passion. It prepares for no future, and recognizes none. Upon its tombstones it inscribes, "Gone to join the great majority," or else, "Here lies all that is left of so and so. He is through." It would have us believe that death ends all—that it is a leap into the dark. Over the graves of our beloved it would write, "ne plus ultra—no more beyond." Thus it robs life of its divinest meaning and enshrouds death with the very blackness of despair.

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